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She Never Told Her Love.

Was it that Moonlight could find  
No lucky chance to urge his suit?  
Or did Cupid's wayward hand  
Flutter irresolute?  
Could it be virgin bashfulness  
That still concealed her tender thought?  
Or fear she might perchance confess  
A love that was not sought?  
Was it mere womanly caprice?  
Or pride? or maidenly reserve?  
Was it respect for mental peace,  
Or merely want of nerve?  
Could it be possible that he  
(Conjunctive tenth and last) not quite  
So irresistible might be,  
As every heart to smite?  
She could not choose but understand,  
He thought, his little game of sighs,  
Slow parting pressures of the hand,  
Soft words, and "making eyes."  
And then the Ode to his "Heart's Queen,"  
To whom he'd "ever bow the true knee!"  
For Moonlight was slightly green,  
And more than slightly spooney.

Particulars of the Destruction of the  
Norfolk Navy Yard.

The St. Louis correspondent of the San Francisco Bulletin, writing under date of April 27th, says:  
As affairs, according to to-day's despatches, have assumed the most possible complexion, (the bombardment of Norfolk), your readers will be interested in tracing difficulties there from the beginning, particularly as the despatches relating thereto have been irregular and contradictory. The Norfolk Herald of Monday last has full particulars of the destruction of many millions worth of public property at that place and the harbor and Navy yard in the neighborhood, by the U. S. officials, to prevent their seizure by the Confederates. Says that journal:  
On Saturday and Sunday the greatest excitement prevailed in the city. Troops were hurrying to and fro, and every one anxious to know what was to be done, but unable to obtain the desired information. The rumor was that the Cumberland was about to sail from the Navy-Yard and preparations were made to prevent her. At 12 o'clock an officer came from the yard, bearing a flag of truce and was conducted to Gen. Taliaferro's headquarters at the Atlantic Hotel, where a consultation was held, which resulted in a promise from the Commandant of the yard, Com. Macaulay, that none of the vessels should be removed nor a shot fired except in self-defence. This quieted the excitement; but it was renewed at a later hour, when it was ascertained that the Germantown and Merrimack had been scuttled and that the heavy sheers on the wharf at which the Germantown was lying, had been cut away and allowed to fall midships across her decks, carrying away the mainmast and yards.  
It was also perceived that the men were busily engaged in destroying and throwing overboard side and small arms, etc., and other property, and boats were constantly passing between the Pennsylvania, Cumberland, and other vessels. The assurance of the Commandant, given by his officer at the truce interview, however, tended to allay the apprehension of an immediate collision. But the continued stirring movements at the yard soon rendered it certain that it was the intention of Macaulay to destroy all the buildings and other property there, and it was therefore with not much surprise that, about midnight, after two or three light explosions, the light of a serious conflagration was observed at the yard. This continued to increase, and before daylight the immense ship-houses known as A and B, (the former containing the entire frame-work of the New York, 74, which has been over the stocks unfinished, for some thirty-eight years,) and also to the long ranges of two-story offices and stores on each side of the main gate of the yard.  
The flames and heat from this tremendous mass of burning material was set, by a southwest wind, directly towards the line of vessels moored on the edge of the channel opposite the yard, and nearly all of these, too, were speedily enveloped in flames. The scene at this time was grand and terrific beyond description. The roar of the conflagration was loud enough to be heard at three or four miles distance—and the heavy guns of the Pennsylvania ship of the line, as they became successively heated. These guns, it is asserted, were doubly shot and directed at different parts of the yard, for the purpose of securing its complete demolition. This, however, is certain—that if all her guns had been thus prepared and directed, the "burnt district" could not have been more completely cleared of appearances.  
As soon as the torch had been successfully applied to the ship-houses, the Pawnee, which had been kept under steam from the moment of her arrival, about midnight on Saturday, was put in motion, and taking the Cumberland in tow, retreated down the harbor out of the reach of danger—freighted with a great portion of valuable munitions, etc., from the yard, and the commodore and other officers who had been for themselves the involuntary distinction of devils in accomplishing such a vandal work. The ships proceeded as far down as the batteries at the narrows, where the Cumberland was left at anchor, and the Pawnee continued on to Fort Monroe.  
As far as we could judge from a cursory obser-

vation, the property destroyed embraced, besides the ship houses and contents, the range of buildings on the north line of the yard, (except the Commodore's and Commander's residences, which were unhurt), the old marine barracks and one or two workshops, the immense lifting shears, the ships Pennsylvania, Merrimack, Raritan Columbia, and brig Dolphin—burnt to the water's edge; the sloop Germantown, broken and sunk; the Plymouth, scuttled and sunk even with her deck; and a vast amount of small arms, chronometers, and valuable engines and machinery in the ordnance and other shops, broken up and rendered utterly useless.  
Appearances indicated that it was intended to cripple that admirable and useful work, the dry dock, by blowing up the gates, but from some cause this was not done, and the dock was found to be altogether unhurt. We cannot bring ourselves to believe that any officer of a navy, distinguished hitherto by a high sense of honor and chivalrous courage, could willingly consent to such an ignominious mode of warfare as this. We rather regard it as an emanation from the evil cabal at Washington, and a practical carrying out of the tactics laid down by the villainous Sumner and other orators of the Black Republican party. Burn, sink, and destroy is the word with them.  
One thousand troops from Boston were landed yesterday morning in addition to those landed on Saturday. A large number is on the Horse-Shoe with a supposed number of 1,500, and another transport with her decks completely lined with recruits.  
Yesterday morning, Lieut. Spotswood, of the Navy, a Virginian by birth, ran up to the flagstaff in the navy-yard, the flag of the Old Dominion, with its well-known arms, the figure of Liberty trampling on Tyranny, with the glorious motto, "E Pluribus Unum"—and there it continues to flutter in the breeze.  
Six of the rifled Parrott guns recently purchased for the use of the State have been brought from Richmond to Norfolk, by order of the Governor. The cannon spoken of are of the most effective kind known.

The Sailors in the Chain-Gang.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—There is an institution in this town known as the chain-gang. Men who become members thereof are those who have been found guilty of manslaughter, theft, vagrancy, etc. It is with much pain, therefore, as an Englishman, that I witness from day to day a number of British sailors associated with the chain gang. The former are paraded through our public streets with the latter, but have, I believe, committed none of the offences above referred to. True, they have been found guilty of a very cowardly and serious offence—namely, that of attempted desertion, which attempt, although frustrated, is as bad as if it had been successful; but I deny that the English law, in awarding the punishment, justifies any such punishment as the degrading one which is now imposed on these British sailors.  
Now, what result may we look for? Is it not highly probable that they will become irreversibly hardened, and feeling the burning shame that their old parents will experience after learning their sons' present position—one which will almost cause tears of blood to flow and hearts to break—will not these men, I say, soon feel that all is lost, and thus become fully open to become initiated in the vices and schemes of the scoundrels with whom they are compelled to parade the public streets daily.  
"Vice seen too oft, familiar with its face  
They'll first endure—then pity—then embrace."  
I am induced to believe that the opinions thus given are fully endorsed by the community at large. I propose, therefore, that a petition be gotten up and signed, respectfully addressed to the Admiral at Esquimalt, asking him to reconsider the verdict and redeem these men 'ere it be too late from such corrupt and dangerous associates; not that we consider by any means that the offence is a slight one—quite the contrary. They deserve severe and thorough punishment, but, of Heaven's sake, independent of any vile institution like the chain-gang. We might suggest that men be appointed to superintend them in the same labor they are now performing, only let it be entirely apart from any other "gang." Pray, Mr. Editor, continue to bring the matter forward in your esteemed paper, for the sake of these unfortunate sailors, their parents, brothers and sisters. By so doing you will very much oblige  
HUMANITAS.  
VICTORIA, May 25, 1861.

A "SCENE" IN AN IRISH TOWN COUNCIL.—We find the following "scene" reported in the local papers as having been enacted at a recent meeting of the Cork Town Council:

When the Town Clerk read a passage in the minutes stating that Mr. Sheehan gave notice to make a crossing in a street not named, Mr. Sheehan rose in a very excited manner, and said: "That is not true, it is an infernal lie; you ought not to be putting them lies in the books."  
Mayor—I insist that you must sit down—you are out of order.  
Mr. Sheehan—I won't be put down and be d—d to ye, ye pack of devils. (Immense confusion.)  
Mayor—(rising)—I won't submit to this any longer. Call in the Mayor's men; Mr. Sheehan must leave the room.  
The Mayor's sergeants entered, whereupon Mr. Sheehan rushed toward the Mayor in a menacing manner, exclaiming, "I'll see ye all to the d—d first; I'll knock ye all down."  
Mayor—Put him out.  
A scene of terrific uproar ensued, Mr. Sheehan turning fiercely on the pretorians, who presented a threatening appearance, and made a demonstration of physical force, seized a chair as an offensive weapon, and holding it suspended for a moment, seemed inclined to hurl the weighty missile at the heads of the civic servants. Yielding, however, to the pacific counsel he received from some gentleman round him, his heroic mood abated, and he stammered forth an apology.  
Mayor—(sternly)—Do you apologize?  
Mr. Sheehan—(meekly)—I do, your worship. I won't do it again.  
Mayor—He has apologized.  
Mr. McCarthy—As he has apologized, I hope your worship will not proceed any further.  
The arrest of judgment sued for was granted, and Barney resumed his seat.  
THREE THINGS A WOMAN CAN'T DO.—First. She can't sharpen a lead pencil. Give her one and see. Mark how jaggedly she hacks away every particle of wood from round the lead, leaving an unsupported spike of the latter, which breaks up immediately you try to use it.  
Secondly. A woman can't do up a bundle. She takes a whole newspaper to wrap up a row of pins, and a coil of rope to tie it; and it will come undone at that.  
Thirdly. I may allude to the fact that women can't carry an umbrella; or rather to the very peculiar manner in which they perform that duty; but I won't. I learn to turn traitor to a sex who, whatever may be their faults, are always loyal to each other. So I shall not say, as I might otherwise have said, that when they unfurl the parachute alighted to, they put it right down over their nose—take the middle of the sidewalk, raking off men's hats and women's bonnets as they go, and walking right into the breakfast of some unfortunate wight, with that disregard of the consequences which is to be understood must be felt, as the offender corks up one corner of the parachute and looks defiantly at the victim who has the effrontery to come into the world and hazard the whalebone and handle of her "umbrella!"

No, I won't speak of anything of the kind; besides has not a celebrated writer remarked that, when "dear woman is cross, it is only because she is sick?" Let us hope he is right. We all know that it is the cause of a man's crossness. Give him his favorite dish, and you may dine off him afterwards—if you want to.

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BENEDICT REINHART.  
SIMON REINHART.  
MORIS MAYER.  
By S. ELSASSER, my14 1m  
Victoria, May 13, 1861.

NOTICE.  
ALL PARTIES INDEBTED BY NOTES of hand now due, or hereafter to become due, to the late firm of REINHART, MAYER & CO., Victoria, and to MAYER, REINHART & CO., New Westminster, are hereby notified that the same are in the possession of Moris Mayer, of the late firm above mentioned, who hereby appoints S. Elsasser, his legal agent for collecting and cancelling the same.  
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Victoria, May 13th, 1861.

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